Thanks to Dr. McCown for Her Years of Service!

Judy McCown, PhD, Associate Professor of Psychology, will retire from Detroit Mercy in August 2018. She received her PhD in clinical psychology from Wayne State University and joined the faculty at Detroit Mercy in 1995. She served as Director of Clinical Training from 2000-2009 and has most recently served as Associate Chair for the Department of Psychology. Dr. McCown taught Psychopathology I, Theories of Therapy, and Cognitive Therapy in the doctoral program for over two decades, as well as guiding the research and dissertations of numerous students. CLAE honored her service on May 11, 2018. Known for generosity, her deep knowledge of psychology, and strong investment in the growth of students, she will be missed for her commitment to doctoral training and the M&M’s she kept in her office for those challenging conversations!
Alumni News

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http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/990255/3272906f1cad

You could also send alumni news to the program via email: mcleanwl@udmercy.edu. If you know of any alumni who did not receive a copy of the newsletter, please feel free to forward a copy to them and encourage them to get in touch with us, so that we can update the alumni database.

Herman Daldin, PhD (1984) is in Independent practice in Wyandotte and Birmingham and is affiliated with the Cleveland Psychoanalytic Association.

William Guy, PhD (2015). William C. Guy and Sonia C. Deif were married in Petoskey, MI in June 2018. Dr. Guy currently practices in San Antonio, TX at Clarity Child Guidance Center as well as part-time group private practice with Alliance Psychology Specialists, PLLC.

Bethann (Beck) Kalt, PhD (1996) has a private office in Farmington Hills where she has enjoyed working with children, adolescents, and adults since 1994.


Rhonda George Laurencelle, PhD (1998) is working in the field of Industrial Organizational Psychology. Owner- Pure Leadership Consulting, a boutique consulting firm specializing in executive coaching, succession planning and selection and development assessments for executives.


Änna Pettway, PhD (2014) is now an Assistant Professor of Psychology and Assistant Department Chair for Assessment at Houghton College (NY).

Zhana Rozenberg, PhD (2016). I currently live in Jacksonville, Florida and work at Northeast Florida State Hospital as a Senior Behavior Analyst. The hospital is a long-term state-operated inpatient facility that provides services to civil and forensic residents. My duties include being a psychologist on a women's unit, participating in treatment team meetings, conducting individual therapy, facilitating a group for individuals who were adjudicated Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGI), conducting competency evaluations, and supervising psychology interns. My job is very busy, but also incredibly fulfilling. Every day I learn something new from my patients and marvel at their strength and resilience.

Patricia Smith, PhD (1980). Hello doctoral students. I am glad to share that professional opportunities continue through our 60’s. Allow geographical and work site changes in order to continue enrichment opportunities in your profession. Keep those C.E. credit courses and document into your C.V. for prospective employers both in USA and overseas. Take a broad range of C.E. credits as well. Do continue your APA membership and attend the yearly conferences for networking and breadth of exposure to the profession of psychology.
Anthony Bass, Ph.D., is a faculty member and supervisor at the Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research, New York University Postdoctoral Program in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy and the Stephen Mitchell Center for Relational Studies. He is the editor of *Psychoanalytic Dialogues*, the *International Journal of Relational Perspectives*, and a founding and current director of the International Association for Relational Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy. He leads clinical seminars and workshops throughout the US and Europe focusing on the nature of the relationship between patient and therapist, and the unconscious relationship between patient and analyst. Dr. Bass has written extensively on the psychic process, analytic relations, and the unconscious communications in analysis and therapy. Along with his scholarly achievements, Dr. Bass is in private practice for psychoanalysis, psychotherapy, couples therapy, and works with individuals and groups in supervisory consultation in New York City.

Emily Hurst is a 2nd year student in the doctoral program who received a master’s degree from Western Illinois University. She presented case material from her work in the Psychology Clinic. She will undertake a practicum at the Third District Court Clinic for Child Study in Fall 2018.
APA Accredited Internships for 2018-19

Theresa Andare  
Hawthorn Center  
Northville, MI

Dennis Apker  
Florida Atlantic University CAPS  
Boca Raton, FL

Maria Christoff  
Michigan State University - CAPS  
East Lansing, MI

Lindsey Hunt  
Wasatch Mental Health  
Provo, UT

Yen Ju Lee  
Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)  
San Jose, CA

Samantha Lewis  
Ann Arbor VA Healthcare System  
Ann Arbor, MI  
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Clinical Team

Nicole Miller  
Youth Opportunity Center  
Muncie, IN
Students attend the 2017 Practicum and Internship Fair

Attended by the following sites: Henry Ford Health System, Center for Forensic Psychiatry, Federal Correctional Institution – Milan, University Counseling Center - Oakland University, Walter P. Reuther Psychiatric Hospital, Life Stress Center, Clinic for Child Study, John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, Beaumont WSU PM & R, McLaren Flint. —President’s Dining Room October 24, 2017
Students, Faculty, Alumni, Friends, and Administrators Attend the 2017 Doctoral Program Welcome Picnic at William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor
## Publications

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**Publications**


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**Presentations**


Presentations to the Public or Community Settings:

**Maria Christoff.** University of Michigan Counseling and Psychological Services:
"Viewing of Angst Film and Discussion" Outreach, Winter 2018.
"Stress and Anxiety Management with Mindfulness Meditation" Outreach, Fall 2017.
"Stress Management" Outreach, School of Information, Fall 2017.

**Faculty**

**Publications**


Encyclopedia of Personality and Individual Differences. (pp 1-5). New York, New York: Springer International Publishing. DOI https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-28099-8


Presentations


As the chapters came rolling in for the book\(^1\) we were editing, I could not help remembering moments that had enriched the experience during the thirty years that my husband Glenn and I had been working on this research. It started in London, England, while we were on a 1987 sabbatical, working in a damp and cold lab at Goldsmiths’ College. Each afternoon at 3, no matter what we were doing, our hosts Robin and Pam would brew up water for tea. “Biscuits? McVitie’s?” And we’d stop working, take some deep breaths, and just chat over our warm cups. The work continued in Turkey, where our colleagues made room for us in their lovely home and explained how expectations around arranged marriage change over many generations, gradually, as Turkish families determine what makes for healthy family life. The work took us to China, where our colleagues and their students described how they gathered data for our project by talking to families at schools. We went on to Moscow, where our colleagues cooked for us and described family life as we played with their dog, cat and pet monkey – all in one cramped apartment.

Each time we returned home to Detroit, more of our students signed on to the project. They were undergrad and graduate students from Wayne State University, and, mostly, from Mercy College and later the University of Detroit Mercy. They gathered data by distributing the same Marriage and Relationship Questionnaire (MARQ) that was being used on four continents by that point. To do that, they had to find couples in which both partners (opposite-sex or same-sex) agreed to answer 238 questions in matching booklets. The students typically gathered the data as part of research leading to Master’s Degrees and Ph.D.’s. The students came up with wonderful questions that needed answers: Does humor matter in marriage? How do children affect couple satisfaction? Do men really want sexual activity more than women do? What is the most effective way to reduce conflict? Are self-choice marriages happier than arranged marriages? How do gay and lesbian couples compare with heterosexual couples? Does physical beauty remain an important component for couple satisfaction as couples get older? Does it help satisfaction if partners are similar to each other in terms of religiosity? Personality traits? Socioeconomic background? Their work resulted in theses, dissertations, posters, presentations, journal articles, book chapters, and, eventually, this book.

As I look at the table of contents now, I see the names of many of my Detroit Mercy colleagues, who are now my co-authors: Elizabeth Hill, Cheryl Munday, Maria Faustina Samayoa, Annamaria Silveri, Margaret Stack, Jiawen Wang.

I also see the names of many of our recent graduates: Eileen Fedon-Keyt, Bruce Howard, Koyonne Mims, Carrie A.F. Nantais, Yobany Pardo, Zhanna Rozenberg, Emilia D. Shinne.

And here are graduate students still plugging away at their studies, but now co-authors with us all in this book: Samantha Lewis, Ian Moore, Ahmar Zaman.

So there are 17 of us, currently or formerly working in Reno Hall in the Education and Psychology Departments at Detroit Mercy, who are now co-authors. There are other key contributors to the book, many with lots more name recognition. But, for me, this will always be the book we wrote in Reno Hall.

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The doctoral program was proud to announce a recipient for the Distinguished Student Research Award for 2018. All doctoral graduates had excellent careers at Detroit Mercy, and two students were awarded distinction.

**Dr. John Jones**’ dissertation was titled: **EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE AS A PREDICTOR OF DIFFICULT DOCTOR-PATIENT RELATIONSHIPS: A PRIMARY CARE STUDY**, and his chair was Barry Dauphin, PhD., ABPP. Dr. Dauphin noted that Dr. Jones undertook a very demanding project that involved collecting data from over 100 primary care patients at a local hospital. Dr. Jones worked under the supervision of John Porcerelli, PhD, ABPP at Crittenton Hospital, where the study took place. John Jones has had a consistent record of research productivity and quality. He was a co-author of 4 articles or chapters during his time at Detroit Mercy, as well as being co-author of 11 poster/paper presentations. He undertook a great deal of research work on the doctor-patient relationship in primary care settings, as well as psychological assessment in primary care. His research interests also include separation anxiety and he co-authored a chapter with Steven Abell, PhD, ABPP “Contributions of Contemporary Psychodynamic Models to the Understanding and Treatment of Adult Separation Anxiety.” In C. Rivera (Ed.), Separation Anxiety: Risk factors, prevalence and clinical management. New York: Nova Science Publishers.
## Commencement 2018 and Dissertation Titles

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*Top left: Sarah Frost, Carter Comrie, Arthur Smith-Vaughan, and John Jones line up for walk to Callahan. Bottom left: Students before receiving diplomas. Right: John Jones, PhD with Distinguished Student Research Award.*
Students Present Research

**Bold-Students; Italics-Faculty; Underline-Alumni**


*Winner of Division 39 poster competition.*


Students Assist in Making Recruitment Video for the Program

Over the summer Joseph Mitchell, MA and Dr. Dauphin developed a short video for the program’s website to encourage applications to the program. Doctoral students pitched in to help create visuals depicting psychology at work for the video.
Psychology Clinic outreach activities for 2017-2018:
John Porcerelli, PhD, ABPP Director

1. October 28, 2017 – Reem Eissa – Academic Empowerment lecture on Stress and Mental Health for UDM undergraduates
3. November 12, 2017 – Kate Dykhuis and Eliza Gedge – Detroit Theatre Discussion Program, panel discussion with community members, on the play A Bright Room Called Day – discussion topic was “Politics and the Human Psyche” and explored human reactions to fear, stress, and change
5. November 27, 2017 – Brandi Roelk – Academic Empowering lecture on Being Healthy for Detroit Mercy undergraduates
6. February 11, 2018 – Detroit Theatre Discussion Program, panel discussion with community members, on the play A Bright New Boise – discussion topic was “A Reason to Believe” and explored reasons people believe in God
7. November 2, 2017 and April 5, 2018 – Saja Almusawi, Mark Blanchard, Matt Davis, Courtney Carlson, Reem Eissa, Callie Jowers, Samsuk Kim, Kiera Kunkle – Depression Screening for Detroit Mercy students in the University of Detroit Mercy McNichols Campus Library – 1st year students conducted depression screenings to interested students and made referrals as appropriate
8. July 14, 2018 – Saja Almusawi and Najat Nahshal – Detroit Mercy Clinic representatives at the Minority Mental Health Awareness Fair – provided information on the clinic to interested attendees, participation in a panel discussion regarding mental health.

Students utilize the Pamela J. Hartmann, PhD Professional Development Fund.

Pamela J. Hartmann, Ph.D. (1997), established the Pamela J. Hartmann, Ph.D. Professional Development Fund at the University of Detroit Mercy in support of the overall long-range goals of the program which emanate from our training model and are directed toward the training of professional clinical psychologists who demonstrate and practice: 1) professional competence and adaptability; 2) ethical standards and sensitivity to social justice; 3) scholarly contributions to the field of psychology; and 4) provide service to the community.

The Pamela J. Hartmann, Ph.D. Professional Development Fund promotes students’ professional development in their quest to make scholarly contributions to the field. Funds may be used to cover expenses such as, but not limited to, conference registration fees, travel, lodging, and production of necessary materials (i.e., posters) for scholarly presentations.

Several students have utilized funding during 2017-18 to present research at the Society for Personality assessment conference in Washington, DC, The Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race (Division 45/APA) conference in Austin, TX, and the American Psychological Association Convention in San Francisco, CA. The funding has been a valuable resource to assist in students’ development in the scientist-practitioner tradition. It’s difficult for students to afford attending out-of-town conferences without this additional assistance. Moreover, the more students present scholarship around the country, the more aware other programs and psychologists become of the valuable contributions of the Detroit Mercy program.

The Pamela J. Hartmann Professional Development Fund accepts donations in support of its aims. Consider contributing to the Fund. Please see pg. 23 for details on how to donate to the Fund.
Kristin Abraham, PhD, associate professor of psychology and director of the Clinical Psychology MA program was recipient of the 2017 Detroit Mercy Faculty Achievement Award November 10, 2017. Dr. Abraham is actively involved with ReBUILDetroit teaching the health disparities course at Detroit Mercy and mentoring scholars. Abraham (pictured 2nd from left) receives the award from (left to right) Provost Pamela Zarkowski, JD, MPH, President Antoine Gharibaldi, PhD, and CLAE Dean Mark Denham, PhD.

Faculty News

Dr. John Porcerelli has been appointed to the City of Detroit Mental Health Task Force

On April 30th, Detroit City Councilman, Roy McCalister, Jr., announced the start of the Task Force for Mental Health with the support of Mayor Mike Duggan and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority Willie Brooks, and Police Chief James Craig. Dr. John Porcerelli was appointed to the Task Force and will represent the University of Detroit Mercy. The Task Force is charged with facilitating equitable access to resources, to reduce the frequency of instances of criminal activity related to mental illness, and improve the overall quality of life for all residents of the City of Detroit. The initial goal of the Task Force is to educate residents of Detroit, raise awareness, and coordinate mental health services.
Donating to the Pamela J Hartmann, PhD Professional Development Fund

Detroit Mercy accepts donations that can directly assist the mission of the PhD Clinical Psychology Program. If you would like to make a donation to support students to present their scholarly work to professional conferences and conventions, you can donate online at https://community.udmercy.edu/donate/.

From the drop down menu, select the designation as “Other” and type “Pamela J Hartmann, PhD Professional Development Fund” in the comments box. This is illustrated in the picture above.

You can also donate via check by writing the donation to the College of Liberal Arts and Education as the payee and include Pamela J Hartmann, PhD Professional Development Fund on the subject line. (see above).

Donations will be used to support student travel to conferences for presentation of research to support student progress in the program.

We’re on Facebook.

We’ve created a Facebook page for the program to help students, alumni and faculty stay connected. If you would like to be added to our Facebook group, search for the Detroit Mercy PhD Clinical Psychology Program and ask to be added.
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